

**SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE STATUS OF
TELEPHONE LINES**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0036] Systems and methods for detecting a status of a telephone line. Some of the
5 systems include a telecommunications system which comprises a dial tone tester integrated
with a demarcation device. Such dial tone testers can include a visual device or an audible
device indicative of line status. Various methods are also described for detecting the status of
a telephone line. Such methods can include receiving a response originating from a customer
premises, viewing a demarcation device located at the customer premises, and determining
10 line status from a dial tone tester integrated with the demarcation device.

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